

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 3, 6-8, 12-13 and 18 are amended herein.

Claims 4, 10, 11, 15-17 and 20 are cancelled herein.

Claims 5, 9, and 19 remain unchanged.

Claim 21 is added.

The status of the claims are as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A stirring device for use in combination with a carousel in a microwave oven comprising:

a base member adapted to fit against an upper surface of a cooking chamber of the microwave oven;

an attachment member integral to said base member wherein said attachment member is a single suction cup; and

a shaft depending vertically from said base member, ~~and terminating in a head member~~
wherein said shaft further comprises a first segment having a shaft opening and a second segment for telescopic fit with the shaft opening of the first segment wherein the second segment includes a longitudinal groove and terminates in a head member.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A device claimed in Claim 1 ~~wherein said shaft further comprises~~further comprising:

~~a first segment depending from said base and having an end distal to said base;~~

~~a shaft opening extending along the axis of said first segment and an opening at said distal end; and,~~

~~a second segment having a first end configured to be telescopically received by said shaft opening and a second end terminating in the head; and~~

a securing member for securing said second segment to said first segment.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 3 wherein said securing member comprises:

a screw hole extending through said first segment and joining said shaft opening

proximate said distal end; and

a locking screw received by said screw hole.

6. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said second segment of said shaft further includes a groove extending ~~at least partially from said base to said head~~, in a spiral along at least part of the length of said shaftsecond segment.

7. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said head member includes a blade having an opening extending there through.

8. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the head member comprises a multiplicity of blades.

9. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 8 wherein some of said multiplicity of blades have openings in the walls thereof and others of said multiplicity of blades do not.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~10~~ 1 further including circumferential grooves in the walls of the second segment of the shaft.

13. (Currently Amended) A stirring device comprising:

a microwave oven having:

a cooking chamber defined by three walls, a floor, an upper surface, and a door,
and
a carousel located on said floor of said microwave oven,
a base member;
an attachment member comprising a suction cup integral to said base member and fixed
to said upper surface of said cooking chamber; and
a shaft depending from said base member, ~~and terminating in a head having at least one~~
blade wherein said shaft further comprises:
a first segment depending from said base member and having an end distal to said base
member;
a shaft opening extending along the axis of said first segment and opening at said distal
end;
a second segment having a first end configured to be telescopically received by said shaft
opening and a second end terminating in a head having at least one blade, the
second segment having circumferential grooves.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Canceled).

16. (Canceled).

17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 13 wherein said at least one blade has an opening extending there through.

19. (Previously presented) A device as claimed in Claim 13 wherein said head has a multiplicity of blades, at least some of said multiplicity of blades having holes therein.

20. (Canceled).

21. (New) A device as claimed in Claim 19 wherein at least some of the blades have a curved edge.